

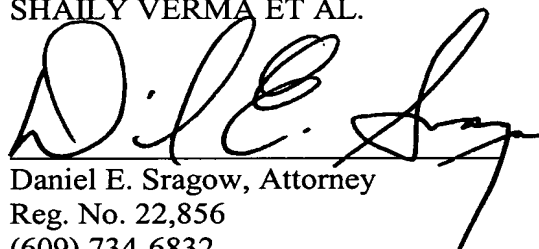
**Remarks/Arguments**

The open Office Action has cited a new reference, U.S. 2006/0050667 to Verma et al. However, the Office Action has not relied upon such newly cited reference. Rather, the Office Action relies upon a previously cited reference, U.S. 2002/0085516 to Bridgelall.

Furthermore, the Office Action states that Applicants' previous arguments are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. However, no new grounds of rejection have been set forth.

The Applicants respectfully request clarification of the open Office Action.

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